

The Providence Report

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Summary of Adopted Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

On April 26th, the Board of Supervisors adopted the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012). The real estate tax rate is reduced by two cents, from \$1.09 per hundred dollars of assessed value to \$1.07. With the \$1.07 rate plus the previously adopted stormwater district tax of a penny and a half, the average residential homeowner's tax bill will essentially hold steady.

For the fourth straight year, the budget challenges were made more difficult by the economic downturn. We appreciate all of the public participation in this process as well as the invaluable assistance of county staff. The budget process took into consideration the community's priorities to fund essential services while being sensitive to the challenges faced by county taxpayers. The FY2012 budget contains over \$20 million in reductions while protecting the programs and services that contribute to the quality of life in Fairfax County. The reductions are in addition to reductions of over \$180 million made in the previous two years. County employee compensation was frozen for the third consecutive year. However, the Board directed the County Executive to analyze the county's fiscal condition at the end of FY2011 to identify funding that may be available to provide county employees with a market-rate adjustment of 1.12%. That increase would be effective in mid-October.

Public schools remain the number one funding priority for the Board of Supervisors as reflected in the transfer of approximately 53% of the general fund each year to Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). This year, the transfer for school operations will be approximately \$1.61 billion. Another \$163.5 million is transferred to School Debt Service. These transfers are in addition to school related programs that are paid for directly by the county from the General Fund, including the School Resource Officer program and the School Nurse program. The Board also supports implementation of Full Day Kindergarten for those schools currently without it and identified existing funds that the School Board can reprioritize for the program.

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A message from Supervisor Smyth

Following the 2010 Census Fairfax County, as well as the Commonwealth of Virginia, was required to readjust electoral districts to balance population increases. As part of that process, Fairfax established a citizen committee to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on changes to the county's magisterial districts. The Board adopted one of the committee's plans on April 26 after holding public hearings.

You will find detailed information in this newsletter on redistricting for both the county and the state. While Fairfax's modifications are minimal, the combination of county and state changes to electoral districts will impact many residents voting in the 2011 election. We have prepared a precinct chart for Providence to help sort out these changes and provided links for more information.

This issue will be the last newsletter sent to some residents who have been redistricted out of Providence. For those residents who will be transferred to other supervisors' districts, I would like to assure you that I will work with your new supervisor to ensure a smooth transition. It has been a privilege to represent you. Please contact my office at any time if you need assistance while we navigate our way through this changeover. ■

~ Linda Smyth

Farmers Markets Are Open

You may buy local fruits, vegetables and much more at the Fairfax County Farmers Markets. The market in Providence is located at the Oak Marr Recreation Center on Wednesdays, May 4 to November 16 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. To find additional locations, times and directions visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets. ■

Be Alert - Check Your Mail for Voting Changes as a Result of Redistricting

County Redistricting Plan Approved

On April 26, the Board of Supervisors approved a redistricting plan for the county based on the results of the 2010 Census. The plan was adopted by a bipartisan vote and realigns a few precincts to balance population growth while minimizing disruption to each individual magisterial district and the county as a whole. The redistricting process followed in the county was transparent and involved significant community input. The plan adopted by the Board was one of several proposed by the Citizen Advisory Committee chaired by former Board Chairman Kate Hanley.

A total of seven voting precincts were moved into different magisterial districts and the boundaries of three were tweaked. In the Providence District, the Nottoway Precinct is divided so that the portion of the precinct that lies with the Town of Vienna becomes part of the Vienna No. 6 Precinct. That area is included in the Hunter Mill District. The only other change is that the Walnut Hill No. 2 Precinct moves from the Providence District to the Mason District. The United States Department of Justice must approve the plan for adherence to the Voting Rights Act. Please be advised that the new boundaries become effective immediately and you should carefully watch your mail for information you may receive from The Office of the Electoral Board or The Office of the General Registrar regarding any possible changes to your voting location or district.

New Supervisor District Maps have been posted to the county GIS website. There are three maps as follows:

Supervisor Districts 2011, 8.5x11 at

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/maps/images/maps/handouts/pdf07/supervisordistricts.pdf.

Supervisor Districts 2011, Wall Map at

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/maps/images/maps/handouts/pdf07/2011_supervisordistricts_wallmap.pdf.

Supervisor Districts 2011 Changes, Wall Map at

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/maps/images/maps/handouts/pdf07/2011_supervisordistricts_changes_wallmap.pdf.

Please note the legal caveat in the note on the maps. Once the U.S. Department of Justice sign-off is received, a production printing run will be ordered and wall maps of the district will be available from the GIS and Mapping Services Branch for \$10 each.

General Assembly Redistricting Approved

On April 29, the Governor signed a state-wide redistricting plan for the Virginia General Assembly. You may find information on the new House and Senate districts by going to www.vpap.org/updates/redistricting_maps. Within the Providence District, one precinct, the Mosby Precinct, was split and will be represented by 2 members of the House of Delegates. The boundary for one section of the Mosby precinct is I-66 to the north, Nutley Street to the east, Lee Highway to the south, and Blake Lane Park to the west and will be represented by Delegate Mark Keam. The remainder of the Mosby Precinct will be represented by Delegate David Bulova. The Senate Senator for both sections of Mosby is Chap Petersen.

Please be advised that all of the new boundaries become effective immediately and you should carefully watch your mail for information you may receive from The Office of the Electoral Board or The Office of the General Registrar regarding any possible changes to your voting location. The elected officials and their respective precincts matrix is presented on the next page for your convenience. ■

Upcoming Elections and Voting Reminders

The offices on the calendar for the 2011 elections to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 include the State Senate, House of Delegates, Board of Supervisors, School Board, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff and the Board of Directors for the Soil and Water Conservation District. When more than one member of a political party seeks office, a primary election is held to vote on which individual of each party will be placed on the ballot for the election in November. The date set for the 2011 primaries, Tuesday, August 23, 2011, is later than usual due to the redistricting that took place as a result of the decennial census.

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You must be registered to vote by completing and submitting a voter registration form. To remain a qualified registered voter, the law requires you to notify your local voter registration office of any change in your name or address. This must be done before the registration books close for the next election. You can submit your notice of change of name or address either by mail or by fax (703-324-2205). In either case, the notice must include your signature to be valid. Notice cannot be made by telephone or by e-mail. After your change is processed, you will be mailed a new Voter Information Card. If a new card does not arrive within a few weeks, please call 703-222-0776 to confirm that your notice was received. The deadline is 22 days prior to any general or primary election and 13 days before a special election.

Virginia voters are reminded that legislation adopted by the 2000 Virginia General Assembly requires voters to provide identification (ID) at the polls (or to sign an Affirmation of Identity) in order to vote. A voter who fails to bring acceptable ID to the polls may still vote after signing, under oath, an Affirmation of Identity, which is the voter's certification in writing that the name and address information provided to the election officials at the polling place is correct.

Registered voters who will be away from Fairfax County on Election Day, or who are unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability, may vote by absentee ballot. Eligible voters may vote in-person prior to Election Day or apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to them. The absentee voting schedule, including in-person dates, times, locations and deadlines is available prior to each election.

You can find the name of your state legislators by going to the Virginia General Assembly, Who's My Legislator website at <http://conview.state.va.us/whosmy.nsf/main?openform>. You will find additional information including a link to where you vote, upcoming elections, your registration status, absentee voting, valid forms of ID and much more by going to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/citizen or by calling 703-222-0776. ■

General Assembly Redistricting in Providence District

Providence Precincts	Senate 32 nd Howell	Senate 34 th Petersen	Senate 35 th Saslaw	Senate 37 th Marsden	House 35 th Keam	House 37 th Bulova	House 41 st Filler-Corn	House 53 rd Scott
Freedom Hill	X				X			
Magarity	X				X			
Tysons	X				X			
Blake		X			X			
Mantua		X					X	
Mosby		X			X	X		
Price		X					X	
Walker		X						X
Pine Ridge		X						X
Stenwood		X			X			
Thoreau		X			X			
Oakton		X			X			
Nottoway		X			X			
Penderbrook		X			X			
Oak Marr		X			X			
Kilmer		X			X			
Ft. Buffalo			X					X
Graham			X					X
Greenway			X					X
Marshall			X					X
Pine Spring			X					X
Shreve			X					X
Timber Lane			X					X
Merrifield			X					X
Woodburn				X				X

Joyce White Retires from the James Lee Community Center



Certification of Recognition presented to Ms. White by the Board of Supervisors. Ms. White is pictured (center) with Chairman Sharon Bulova to her right, Supervisor Linda Smyth to her left, and joined by the Board of Supervisors and the County's Neighborhood and Community Services Team.

Joyce White was the Director of the James Lee Community Center located in Falls Church for over 33 years, beginning in 1977 through January of this year when she retired. She began her service with Fairfax County almost 41 years ago with the Department of Community and Recreation Services and has been a moving force in shaping the community center and in improving and enriching the lives of Fairfax County residents.

When the community center began the Razorback sports program for basketball, football and cheerleading, Ms. White integrated life skills and academics into the curriculum. What stands out the most in Ms. White's career is the launching of the Kids Café. By partnering in 1999 with the Capital Area Food Bank, James Lee Community Center began serving nutritious evening meals each day for children in its after-school program.

Not only was Ms. White the director of the James Lee Community Center, she has been its life's blood. Originally the James Lee Community Center was the one-story James Lee Elementary School, built in 1948. In 2004 the James Lee Community Center underwent extensive renovation and expanded from 34,400 sq. ft. to 57,400 sq. ft. Ms. White not only managed activities on-site, she personally directed every aspect of the renovation and expansion ensuring that every detail met her exacting standards.

Ms. White was honored by the Board of Supervisors at their meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 for her many years of service to Fairfax County and her outstanding contributions to the James Lee community. ▪

Homeowner & Civic Association Updates

Many Homeowner and Civic Associations hold their annual meetings this time of year. We wanted to remind you to please provide us with any changes to your association contact points so that we may provide you with information on matters of importance regarding your community. Please send email contact information to Provdist@fairfaxcounty.gov. ▪

Grant Opportunities for Neighborhood Enhancements

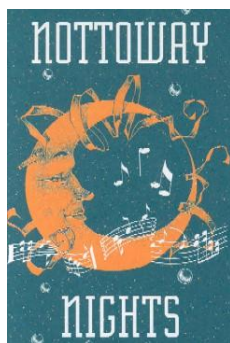
The Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program funding opportunity is a county competitive application process to enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods by supporting projects and initiatives. The goals are to promote healthier, safer and cleaner neighborhoods; enhance neighborhood appearance; encourage or create a culture of engagement, including facilitating communication and connections in neighborhoods between individuals, youth and families; and build or nurture community leadership within a neighborhood. Applications can be filed by neighborhood or civic groups and nonprofits including civic associations, homeowner associations, resident associations, pool/recreation clubs and neighborhood watch patrols. For additional information please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cex/nepp/ or call Rachel Robinson at 703-324-5639, TTY 711.

A total of \$100,000 is available each fiscal year for the program. Through a competitive process, awards up to \$5,000 are made on a one-time basis to selected projects. Eligible organizations may submit applications for multiple projects but will only receive one award. Applicants who have been awarded funds through the program in a previous year are eligible to apply; however, preference will be given to new applicants. Awards for FY2011 were made in February so applications submitted would be for eligible funds in FY 2012. ▪

CAPITAL BELTWAY COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Transurban and Fluor have jointly established the Capital Beltway Community Grant Program to assist communities near the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes project. The grant is available to sustain, enhance, or protect the local environment and neighborhoods. Fluor and Transurban administer the program and award grants on a quarterly basis. Please visit <http://virginiahotlanes.com/grants/> for more details about the grant and to apply online. ▪

**2011 Nottoway Nights
Free Concert Series
Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.**



Mark your summer calendar for the return of the FREE Nottoway Nights Concert Series at Nottoway Park! The program takes place on the lawn of the historic Hunter House. Supervisor Smyth thanks the Friends of Nottoway, the Park Authority and staff as well as the many sponsors who make these free concerts possible for residents to enjoy.

**Nottoway Park is located at
9601 Courthouse Road in Vienna.**

June 16: Glass Onion', A Beatles Tribute Band
(Calypso)
June 23: Seldom Scene (Bluegrass)
June 30: Howard Jennings (Rock/pop)
July 7: Project Natale (Jazz)
July 14: Alice Gu Zheng Ensemble
(Chinese Music & Dance)
July 21: Larnell Starkey & the Spiritual Seven
(African-American Gospel)
July 28: Incendio (Latin Guitar World Fusion)
August 4: John McCutcheon (Folk)
August 11: The Glass Onion (Classic Rock)
August 18: Jennifer Cutting's OCEAN Orchestra
(Irish/Celtic)
August 25: Daryl Davis (Swing)

If you or your organization would like to volunteer to help at Nottoway Nights, please call 703-560-6946, TTY 711. Concerts are cancelled in case of rain, and decisions are made by 6:00 p.m. Please call 703-324-SHOW, TTY 711, for cancellations, directions and general information. More park information is available on the Fairfax County Park Authority Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/parks/. ■

MERRILEE PARK

The Park Authority held a public information meeting on April 25 at Luther Jackson Middle School to share information about the future Merrilee Park, which is located at the end of Hartland Road in Merrifield, and to listen to input from the community. The project Web page – www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/merrilee.htm/ – has been updated with the meeting presentation and summary. The Park Authority intends to conduct additional outreach and encourages members of the community to share their vision for the park.

The Park Authority staff will begin formulating a concept for the park master plan after upcoming outreach in Merrifield. The draft master plan will likely be presented to the community early this fall. If you have questions or comments, please contact Gayle Hooper, Project Manager, Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 421, Fairfax, VA, 22035, or via e-mail at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. ■

Volunteer Fairfax Awardees



Peter Mory (Rising Star award winner); Supervisor Linda Smyth; Food for Others representatives Roxanne Rice, Executive Director; Debbie Heitzer (winner of Adult Volunteer over 250 hours); Liz Reinert, Deputy Director, and Lynne Galanis, Administration & Finance Manager.

For more than 35 years, Volunteer Fairfax has been the heart of volunteering in Fairfax County. With a personal touch, the Center matches the skills and interests of volunteers and donors to the needs of local nonprofit organizations, helping to build a better community through service. Pictured above are some of the winners of the Volunteer Fairfax 2011 Service Awards. Food for Others was the Providence District Community Champion. For more information and volunteer opportunities, please visit www.volunteerfairfax.org. ■

Safety Seat Saturdays

Virginia law requires that ALL children up to age 8 must be in a child restraint device (which includes a booster seat). The law also states that all rear-facing infant seats must be placed in the back seat of a vehicle. In the event the vehicle does not have a back seat, the rear-facing infant seat must be placed in the front passenger seat ONLY if the vehicle is either not equipped with a passenger side airbag or the passenger side airbag has been deactivated.

The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office is sponsoring a new program called "Safety Seat Saturday." The Sheriff's Office will be holding a child safety seat installation and inspection on one Saturday each month. The first "Safety Seat Saturday" event is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fairfax County Public Safety Center – Public Parking Garage located at 10550 Page Avenue in Fairfax. This service is free and no appointment is necessary. Just bring your vehicle and safety seat and, if they're available, the children too. Trained and certified Sheriff's deputies will help parents and caregivers ensure that their child fits securely in the safety seat and that the safety seat fits securely in the vehicle.

For additional information please go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sheriff/news/safetyseat.htm. You may also call the Child Safety Seat Inspection Hotline at 703-280-0559 for instructions on child safety seat installation and a schedule of upcoming child safety seat inspection events for county residents. You may also visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/kinship/guide/kinship-child-safety.htm. ▪

Don't Let Your BBQ Grill Burn You

Grills, hibachis and barbeques on residential properties continue to be a high fire risk and, on average, result in more injuries and slightly higher dollar losses when compared to all other fires. Almost half of grill fires on residential properties occur from 5 to 8 p.m. Thirty-two percent of all grill fires occur in the months of May, June, July and August, and the leading category of equipment power source is "gas fuels." It is crucial that each person diligently practice fire safety when cooking or grilling outside:

- Grills should be at least 15 feet from any home, building, or combustibles to ensure adequate air circulation.
- Charcoal must be kept dry. Wet charcoal can spontaneously ignite. Spare propane bottles should be stored outside away from the home. A backyard shed is a good place.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill. Grills continue to give off heat long after cooking has stopped.
- NEVER place hot ashes in paper or plastic bags or containers. Only use metal containers for hot ashes.
- Use Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved electrical starters in place of lighter fluid.
- Never use a grill on apartment or condominium balconies. This practice is one of the biggest dangers with grills. *It is unsafe and against the law.* ▪

Remember to Fight the Bite

Now that warmer weather is upon us and we spend more time outdoors, it's time to remember that the bite of an infected mosquito, tick or other disease carrying insect may result in a life changing illness such as West Nile virus or Lyme disease. The county's Disease Carrying Insect Program established in 2003 works to minimize the threat of insect-borne diseases through active surveillance, vector management and community education activities to help protect county residents. For additional information on topics such as prevention, symptoms, removing a tick safely, tick free yards, informational brochures and information from the Centers for Disease Control, visit the Health Department's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/.

There are three tick species found in Fairfax County that can transmit disease to humans; the Black-legged or Deer Tick, the Lone Star Tick and the American Dog Tick. The Health Department will identify a tick that you find on your body or your child's body, free of charge. This program does not test ticks for pathogens for clinical purposes. Just remove the tick, place it inside a plastic bag and bring the tick to the Health Department's administration building located at 10777 Mail Street (Kelly Square), Fairfax, Monday – Friday between 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Additional information about this service is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/tick-id.htm or by calling 703-246-2300, TTY 711. ▪

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

Road Rules

Public roads in Providence and across Fairfax County are owned, maintained, and controlled by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). My office and county staff can assist citizens in obtaining results with a variety of issues, but the roads are the responsibility of the Commonwealth. VDOT can be reached by an around-the-clock call center at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623) or via e-mail at novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov.

NEW PROJECT: Jermantown Road and Chain Bridge Road (Rt. 123)

This project will provide drivers with better mobility: better flow of movement and less weaving traffic for a safer and more functional intersection. The county will use Commercial and Industrial Transportation Tax funding to construct a right turn lane on southbound Rt. 123 at Flint Hill School. The land for the turn lane was dedicated by the Flint Hill School when it rezoned its property. The project involves major utility relocation and extensive design work. The county Department of Transportation anticipates project completion in late 2013.

Reminder: I-66 Paving

VDOT is working on patching the existing concrete pavement on I-66 to maintain and repair the roadway. Following completion of the concrete patching, an asphalt overlay will be provided. This project runs from the Capital Beltway to Route 50, began this spring, and is planned to be completed by the end of 2012. It requires closures from 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. Project updates can be found on VDOT's website at www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i-66_pavement_rehabilitation.asp/. Susan Shaw, VDOT project manager, can be contacted with questions at susan.shaw@vdot.virginia.gov.

HOT Lanes

Although we are still a while off from substantial completion on December 21, 2012, the work on the Capital Beltway is 65 percent complete. Drivers and pedestrians will see a number of improvements by the end of the summer. In addition to some travel lanes being returned to drivers, sidewalks at most overpasses will be finished by the end of this construction season. For the Lee Highway overpass, that means residents living inside the Beltway will have for the first time full connectivity on the north and south sides of Lee Highway to access Merrifield and the Dunn Loring Metro.

Pedestrians and cyclists will also be able to use a new W&OD Trail Bridge, which is set to open by the end of May. The bridge will be longer to accommodate a wider I-495, and the trail will be larger as well. The new bridge is 4 feet wider to better accommodate bikers, runners, and walkers. Be sure to check www.virginiahotlanes.com for more information. Also, Jeff Wagner (Jeff.Wagner@Fluor-Lane.com) Fluor Lane and Jamie Breme (J.Breme@vamegaprojects.com) of Virginia Megaprojects can directly field inquiries.

Dulles Metrorail

As we drive around Tysons Corner, we can see signs everywhere of progress on constructing the Silver Line, including some significant milestones. Mining for the tunnel at Leesburg Pike and Chain Bridge Road is finished and concrete work to reinforce the structure is ongoing. Utility relocations on Leesburg Pike are complete. Crews are erecting bridges for the rails over the Capital Beltway, which necessitates lane closures for safety.

Citizens can stay abreast of developments by contacting Ms. Marcia McAllister, project communications manager, by phone (703-572-0506) via e-mail at marcia.mcallister@dullesmetro.com. Additionally, citizens can visit www.dullesmetro.com/ for project information and to sign up for alerts about traffic advisories.

Lee Highway and Gallows Road

VDOT begins the construction phase of the intersection improvement project for Lee Highway and Gallows Road this summer, with project delivery planned to conclude in the fall of 2012. Utility work has been progressing for approximately a year and a half. Upon completion, the intersection will have right turn and dual left turn lanes in each direction. The project also includes extensive sidewalks along both roads. More information on the project can be found online at http://virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/lee_highway_and_gallows_road.asp.

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Hilltop Road and Prosperity Avenue

The county Department of Transportation is working on reconstructing the intersection of Hilltop Road and Prosperity Avenue with improved pedestrian facilities to enable safer crossing at this busy intersection. The county is funding this project via a proffer from a developer and the Commercial and Industrial Transportation Tax.

Sidewalks and Trails

There are a few sidewalk projects moving forward with funding from the 2007 transportation bond. Without a new dedicated funding source, there is no funding for future projects.

Courthouse Road Sidewalk: county Department of Transportation staffers are working to bring a new sidewalk to the north side of Courthouse Road between Oakton Plantation Lane and Route 123. The project includes a new crosswalk for the Courthouse-Rt. 123 intersection, as well as a pedestrian countdown signal. The anticipated date for completion is the end of this calendar year, contingent on the weather. This project is bond-funded.

Annandale Road Sidewalk: The county will construct a segment of sidewalk from Brice Street to the City of Falls Church. This sidewalk will fill in a missing link between the county and the city, and is bond-funded.

Arlington Boulevard Sidewalk and Trail: The Board of Supervisors recently signed an agreement to permit the county Department of Transportation to work with VDOT in constructing more than a mile and a half of new sidewalks and trails between Jaguar Trail (near I-495) and Seven Corners along Arlington Boulevard. This project will address safety issues, fill in missing links, and improve pedestrian access to shopping and public amenities. The county will receive federal Regional Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding to construct these capital improvements. No county matching money is necessary. Because of the receipt of federal funding and coordination with VDOT, this project will take approximately three years until completion.

Traffic Calming

This residential traffic program lacks funding due to decisions made by the General Assembly on transportation funding. With recent passage of a transportation budget in this past legislative session, it remains to be seen what will happen with funding in the future. In the interim, county Department of Transportation staff is working with remaining funds that were carried over from the previous budget. Please direct inquiries about traffic calming to the Providence District office at 703-560-6946, TTY 711. ■

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Included in this budget are two special benefits for Fairfax County's fully disabled veterans. Fully disabled veterans will receive a reduction in the personal property tax rate for one of their vehicles to \$0.01 per \$100 of the assessed value and, pursuant to legislation at the state level, the county will exempt a permanent and totally disabled veteran's primary residence from the real estate tax.

The Board used savings generated by management efficiencies implemented in FY2011 and funds made available by reprioritizing recommendations in the County Executive's Advertised Budget to fund programs and services that were a high priority to the Board and the community. These included funding for the Fire and Rescue Department's Advanced Life Support Incumbent Training (needed to provide adequate numbers of certified personnel to support minimum staffing levels), the Community Services Board program for high school graduates with intellectual disabilities, and support for the Medical Detoxification and the Diversion to Detoxification programs.

The sewer service fee for homeowners and businesses will increase in FY 2012, beginning July 1, 2011. New federal environmental rules to protect the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay are the main reason. Under these rules, all sewage treatment plants must further reduce their discharge of nutrients such as nitrogen, to the limit of technology. These rules require the county to install expensive, new equipment at its treatment plant, and pay its share at regional plants that treat sewage from county homes and businesses.

Based on an average quarterly residential usage of 19,000 gallons, homeowners will pay approximately \$14.06 more per quarter, or a total of \$56.24 more per year. The county still has one of the lowest rates in the region. Actual costs may vary because homeowners and businesses mainly pay based on how much water they use. For complete details on the FY2012 budget, please visit the county's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/. ■

Land Use Updates

Tysons Corner Plan Implementation

The new Comprehensive Plan for Tysons envisions up to 100,000 residents and 200,000 jobs by 2050. The plan has been designed to take advantage of the four new Metro stations coming to Tysons in 2013 with 75 percent of future growth occurring within a half mile of these new Metro stations. For more details about the plan please visit the website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/.

Pending Tysons Rezoning Applications

Four rezoning applications under the new Tysons Corner plan have been submitted and accepted for review by Fairfax County. The applications include RZ 2010-PR-021/PCA 92-P-001-08 (Capital One Bank on 26.2 acres) and RZ 2010-PR-023/SE 2010-PR-034 (The Mitre Corp. on 19.6 acres), located on the north and south side of Rt. 123 respectively and proximate to the future Tysons-McLean Metro Station. Located adjacent to and north of the future Tysons Central Metro Station, RZ 2010-PR-022 (Campus Point Realty Corp.) proposes to redevelop a 23.7 acre area on the north side of Rt. 7 including portions of the SAIC complex and the land area west to Westpark Drive and north to Greensboro Drive. The fourth application, RZ 2010-PR-014 (Georglas Group, LLC), is located north of the future Tysons-Spring Hill Road Metro Station and proposes to develop three neighborhoods totaling over 28 acres. Several additional property owners/developers are working to submit rezoning applications under the new plan. To review the pending rezoning applications in Tysons Corner use the following link: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/tysons-active-zoning-cases.htm

Metro West/Vienna Metro Station Redevelopment Update

Pulte, the primary developer of the **Metro West** mixed use project located on the south side of the Vienna Metro Station, is continuing site work and construction of infrastructure improvements. Pulte plans to begin construction early this summer of the approved 218 townhomes. The townhomes will be located at the southern end of the property, closest to Lee Highway. It is anticipated that the first homes will be completed this fall. The new Vaden Drive extended, connecting the Vienna Metro Station with Lee Highway, will be completed and opened prior to occupancy of the new homes. Pulte will also be constructing upgrades to Saintsbury Drive and improvements to the south side of the Vienna Metro Station. Pulte and WMATA will be posting updates on site and on their websites to keep residents informed about any temporary changes to access due to construction activities. Completion of the entire project will take several years. For updates, please visit Land Development Services online <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSmmain.aspx?cde=RZ&seq=4056975>.

Merrifield Updates

The developers of three approved mixed use projects in the Providence District, including redevelopment of the Dunn Loring Metro Station by Mill Creek Residential, the DFS Long Merrifield Halstead mixed use project and the Merrifield Town Center (Mosaic at Merrifield), are all moving forward with construction of their respective projects.

Development of the Dunn Loring Metro Station is planned to break ground early this summer. Last year, Mill Creek Residential finalized a lease with Harris Teeter for a 52,000 square foot grocery store on the ground floor of the new residential building. The development, **Alexan Dunn Loring**, will also accommodate new bus bays, an improved kiss and ride configuration and a new 2000 space WMATA parking garage (replacing the existing 1355 surface parking spaces). During the phased construction of the project, 1,355 parking spaces will be maintained at the Dunn Loring Station.

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Halstead Square, the DFS Long project located immediately south of the Dunn Loring Metro Station and Courtyard Marriot, is nearing completion on the first of four buildings. This 242 unit residential building on Gallows Road will be occupied before the end of the year. The next two residential buildings will be completed in the fall of 2012. All three residential buildings will have ground floor retail space anticipated to also include several restaurants. Two new roads serving the development will connect Gallows Road to Merrilee Drive to the west. The primary developer, Long Companies, proffered and paid \$450,000 for athletic field improvements. Along with additional proffered contribution of \$200,000 from **1400 Square (Hitt Construction)**, the combined funds are being used to make improvements to the Luther Jackson Middle School fields. For more information, please visit <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMmain.aspx?cde=RZ&seq=4087593>.

Edens & Avant, the developer of Mosaic at Merrifield, began construction of the Merrifield Town Center last year with the demolition of the movie theater. They are quickly constructing the first phase of the development that will include an urban two storey Target, a boutique hotel and additional retail development fronting Lee Highway. The developer per proffer commitments is working with Fairfax County Schools to make in-kind improvements to Luther Jackson Middle School playing fields including new parking adjacent to the fields. The fields should be ready for use in September.

The developer will realign and upgrade Eskridge Road to connect to Lee Highway to form a new intersection with Merrilee Drive. Concurrently, the county is working to complete the comprehensive planned connection of Eskridge Road to Williams Drive (and Route 50) to the south. This crucial connection will allow direct access to the Dunn Loring Metro Station without having to use Gallows Road or Prosperity Avenue. More information is available at <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMmain.aspx?cde=RZ&seq=4086975>

Townhouses Replace Oakton Sunrise Condominium Project

The Board of Supervisors approved a Stanley Martin generated rezoning, RZ 2020-PR-010 (Neighborhoods VI, LLC), this spring for the development of 35 new townhomes in Oakton. The site was most recently approved to be developed with an independent living facility for elderly residents with 120 condominium units and a partially undergrounded parking garage. The 7.4 acre site located on Blake Lane was previously home to a nursing facility that became the first Sunrise retirement home. An existing single family home on the site will remain. Construction of the 35 townhomes will start late this summer or early this fall. With the approval, Stanley Martin made a \$78,000 proffer contribution that will be used to purchase and install playground equipment at the Oakton Community Park on Hunter Mill Road. An additional \$25,000 in proffered funds from the Metro West project will be utilized to have the playground constructed within the next year. For more information on development approvals see <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=RZ&seq=4138708>. For plans for the Oakton Community Park see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gmp/oaktonparkgmp.pdf. ▀

ACCOTINK CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Earlier this year, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Accotink Creek Watershed Management Plan. A watershed management plan serves as a tool to identify and address the issues affecting our environment and to protect and restore the county's streams and other resources. The plan can be found online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/accotinkcreek_docs.htm/ as well as in hard copy at Board of Supervisor offices and libraries that overlap the watershed boundary. ▀



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Spring is a busy time of year. The School Board is now deliberating the final FY 2012 budget, which we will adopt on May 26. We also continue to evaluate boundary options for our new elementary school on the former Lacey Center site and for overcrowding relief at Annandale High School. Additionally, we are working on student discipline reform.

Budget: Included in FCPS' FY 2012 Advertised Budget was a request for increased funding from the county. The Board of Supervisors approved a level transfer from the county to the School Operating Fund, resulting in a decrease of \$48.8 million as compared to the request in the advertised budget. As a result of the impacts of the county budget, state budget, and other updates, additional adjustments are required.

The Superintendent's recommendations for the approved budget include: implementing full-day kindergarten at the remaining 36 schools; a one percent market scale adjustment for all employees and step increases for eligible employees; additional support for students during the discipline process; elimination of Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) test fees; and increased funding for student membership increases. FCPS Virginia Retirement System (VRS) reserve will be tapped to cover increased retirement rates, which will result in a total of \$60.6 million remaining in the reserve to address projected significant rate increases and required repayments in FY 2013 and beyond.

After the recommended adjustments, a shortfall of \$3.5 million remains. Three options are provided to address the shortfall: A) Redirect funding previously set aside for the beginning balance for FY 2013, leaving \$1.5 million to carry over into FY 2013; B) Implement full-day kindergarten over two years, with 16 schools in FY 2012 and 20 schools in FY 2013; C) Provide employees with a one percent bonus in place of a market scale adjustment.

It is important to note that Board members may introduce amendments to address the aforementioned issues, as well as others. For example, I continue to advocate for an ***Independent School Board Auditor to identify and implement cost-saving recommendations***. In fact, the Board of Supervisors encouraged us, via unanimous vote, to establish an independent auditor position that would report directly to the School Board. ("The Board of Supervisors has had an independent auditor since the 1990s and their work has saved millions of taxpayer dollars and resulted in more efficient delivery of services.")

Student Discipline Reform: On Monday, **May 16**, the School Board held a work session on Dr. Dale's 10 recommendations for changes to student discipline procedures and policies. Individual high schools and middle schools have been hosting dialogues on discipline issues. I attended several Providence District community dialogues, and have received individual feedback as well. Please let me know if you have thoughts about discipline reform.

Annandale/Lacey Site Boundary and NonBoundary Options: FCPS will soon release specific options for boundary and nonboundary solutions to the overcrowding at Annandale High School, as well as for the new elementary school at the Lacey Center site. The School Board is scheduled to make final decisions on these recommendations on **July 28**, for implementation in fall 2012. Students attending **Annandale Terrace, Beech Tree, Woodburn, Belvedere, and Pine Spring** elementary schools may be most impacted by the proposed options for the new elementary school.

Providence Pride: I had the pleasure of meeting Peter Kim, a Kilmer Middle School student, to wish him well as he headed to the National MATH COUNTS competition in Washington, DC. Principal Tyson and I joined his fellow students and teachers in a celebratory send-off to our nation's capitol where he would compete against our nation's top math students. This is a tremendous accomplishment and we are very proud that one of our Providence District students achieved this great honor.

The views expressed in this column are my personal views as your School Board member and may not reflect the perspective of the full Fairfax County School Board. I welcome your comments and concerns about FCPS business. Please send your messages to Patricia.Reed1@fcps.edu. Please note that all correspondence is subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). ■

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Adult Protective Services: 703-324-7450/ Child Protective Services: 703-324-7400

Suicide Crisis Hotline: (703) 527-4077 Rape Crisis Hotline: 1-800-656-4673

Adult Education	703-658-1201	Alcohol/drug abuse services	703-359-7040
Animal Shelter	703-830-1100	Child care	703-324-8100
Consumer Affairs	703-222-8435	Circuit Courts	703-691-7320
Dept. of Motor Vehicles	804-497-7100	I-66 Disposal Sites	703-631-1179
Emergency	911	Fastran	703-222-9764
Fire/rescue (non-emergency)	703-691-2131	Gang Unit-Police	703-246-4567
Human Services	703-222-0880	Library, Oakton	703-242-4020
Park Authority	703-324-8700	Police (non-emergency)	703-691-2131
Tax Information	703-222-8234	Recreation Classes	703-324-5514
Recycling InfoLine	703-324-5052	School-Age Child Care Program	703-449-8989
School Board	571-423-1075	Senior Citizen Information	703-324-7948
Traffic Tickets	703-246-3764	Trash Pick-up	703-324-5230
VDOT	703-383-8368	Voting Information	703-222-0776

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Copies of the 2007 Providence Resource Directory are available by calling the Providence District Supervisor's office and are also available on the Providence District Web site at

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Prov_News.htm ▪



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